

THE WHITE HOUSE

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1. LAOS:

A. BUNDY REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT THE FRENCH NOW SAY THEY WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE, THUS REVERSING AN EARLIER, GRUDGING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.

B. BUNDY ALSO FOUND THE BRITISH MORE INTERESTED THAN EXPECTED IN THE POLISH PROPOSAL FOR THE ICC CO-CHAIRMEN, THE THREE MEMBERS, AND THE THREE LAOTIAN FACTIONS TO MEET IN GENEVA. HE EXPECTS WE WILL HEAR MORE OF THIS. THE BRITISH PLAN TO TELL THE POLES THEY ARE AGREEABLE PROVIDED THE AGENDA IS THE SAME AS THAT ENVISAGED FOR THE CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE.

C. SOUVANNA IS FINDING IT HARD TO STAND BY HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE PATHET LAO MUST GIVE UP THEIR GAINS BEFORE THERE CAN BE A CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR UNGER IS KEEPING PRESSURE ON HIM.

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E. KONG LE HAS REOCCUPIED THE HILL POSITION AT PHOU KOUT [REDACTED] THE MILITARY SITUATION IS QUIET AND THE PATHET LAO SEEMS TO BE STANDING PAT.

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F. AMBASSADOR UNGER NOTES THAT THE PATHET LAO HAVE, IN FACT, NOT MOVED FURTHER TOWARD THE MEKONG VALLEY IN RECENT DAYS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL PLACES WHERE THEY COULD EASILY DO SO.

G. UNGER TAKES THIS AS A SIGN THEY MAY NOT PLAN TO GO ANY FARTHER TOWARD THE MEKONG. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE, BUT WOULD NOT RULE OUT A FURTHER ADVANCE ALONG ROUTE 7 THROUGH KONG LE'S PRESENT POSITION AT MUONG SOUI TO LINK UP WITH COMMUNIST FORCES FURTHER WEST.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE TRIAL OF GENERAL DON AND HIS COLLEAGUES GETS UNDER WAY TODAY AT DALAT WITH KHANH IN ATTENDANCE.

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E. BOTH FRIENDLY AND ENEMY MILITARY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. IT FREQUENTLY TAPERS OFF TOWARD THE END OF THE MONTH.

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3. CONGO:

A. THE SITUATION IN NORTH KATANGA IS NOT MUCH CLEARER, COMMUNICATIONS BEING WHAT THEY ARE.

B. RUMORS THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER CENTERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY TERRORISTS ARE NOT CONFIRMED. NOR ARE REPORTS THAT THE DISORDERS ARE COMMUNIST-INSPIRED, MUCH LESS COMMUNIST-LED.

C. NEVERTHELESS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LATEST DETERIORATION OF PUBLIC ORDER HAS SPREAD INTO KATANGA IN SOME FORM.

D. AT THE LEAST, ANOTHER POWER STRUGGLE IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SEEMS UNDER WAY. LEOPOLDVILLE'S PUPPET PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT, JASON SENDWE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND BEATEN UP BY HIS OWN MILITIA, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

E. MOBUTU IS REPORTED [REDACTED] TO BE LEAVING ROME TODAY AS ELEMENTS OF HIS ARMY BEGIN TO TRY TO RESTORE ORDER IN KIVU.

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F. WITH PERHAPS THREE SEPARATE REBELLIONS IN PROGRESS AND THE UN FORCES LEAVING, ADOULA IS MORE THAN A LITTLE WORRIED. [REDACTED]

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4. MALAYSIA:

A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A THREE-PARTY SUMMIT ARE STILL HUNG UP ON THE ISSUE OF SCOPE AND TIMING OF INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL OF GUERRILLAS.

B. LOPEZ, THE PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATOR, IS STILL TRYING, BUT SUKARNO IS OBVIOUSLY NOT READY OR WILLING TO CARRY OUT ANY MEANINGFUL WITHDRAWALS.

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C. AMBASSADOR BALL REPORTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR THAT THE TUNKU HAS "REACHED THE END OF THE ROAD ON CONCESSIONS TO SUKARNO." EVEN LOPEZ, BALL SAYS, IS CONVINCED THE MALAYSIANS SHOULD STAND THEIR GROUND.

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5. NOTES:

A. CYPRUS: THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE ALREADY MAKING A BIG ISSUE OUT OF THEIR CAPTURE OF A BRITISH AIRMAN WHO WAS ACTING AS A COURIER FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. IT SERVES THEIR ARGUMENT THAT THE BRITISH CONTINGENT IN THE UN FORCE SHOULD BE FURTHER REDUCED. THE INCIDENT SHOULD ALSO ALERT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE BREAKING THEIR RADIO CIPHERS.

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B. CUBA-USSR: THE CUBANS NOW CONTROL THE AIR DEFENSE EARLY WARNING AND TRACKING RADARS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE ISLAND--ANOTHER STEP TOWARD FULL CONTROL OF THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE EAST AND WEST AIR DEFENSE SECTORS SHOULD FOLLOW SOON. THERE ARE NOW SIX SOVIET PASSENGER SHIPS ON THEIR WAY OR IN CUBAN PORTS.

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C. BOLIVIA: TOMORROW IS ELECTION DAY IN BOLIVIA, AND PAZ' CIVILIAN MILITIA WILL BE OUT IN FORCE IN LA PAZ. THE FEAR IS THAT THE OPPOSITION, HAVING FAILED TO FORCE POSTPONE-
MENT OF THE ELECTIONS, MAY TRY TO DISRUPT THEM. ALL OPPOSITION GROUPS INTEND, IN ANY EVENT, TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, AND THE CHANCES FOR DISORDERS ARE GOOD.

D. INDIA: THE CONGRESS PARTY WORKING COMMITTEE MAY VERY WELL CHOOSE NEHRU'S SUCCESSOR AT TODAY'S MEETING. BY OUR COUNT, SHASTRI HAS A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE BEHIND HIM, BUT WE THINK A PROLONGED DELAY WOULD NOT WORK IN HIS FAVOR.

E. MOROCCO: MOROCCO, PARTICULARLY CASABLANCA, IS IN AN UPROAR OVER RECENT SUGAR AND GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES, AND A GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP. GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE PREPARING FOR TROUBLE.

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